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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

### 1. UK- ICELAND DISPUTE AND NATO

AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD AT USNATO FEELS THAT THE CRITICISM OF NATO' S FAILURE TO TAKE SOME ACTION IN THE UK- ICELAND FISHERIES DISPUTE COULD HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT UPON THE IDF AND RECOMMENDS US ACTION IN NATO TO SEEK A SOLUTION. THE AMBASSADOR REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO SUGGEST THAT THE NAC APPOINT A MEDIATOR TO RESOLVE THE DISPUTE. HE ALSO BELIEVES A SPECIAL US ENVOY COULD PLAY A USEFUL ROLE.  
( SECRET) USNATO 2527, 5/23 ( EXDIS).

### 2. LEBANON WITHDRAWS REQUEST FOR FORMAL US DEMARCHES

THE LEBANESE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS TOLD EMBASSY BEIRUT  
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THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR THE US NOT TO MAKE SUPPORTING DEMARCHES TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS AS ORIGINALLY REQUESTED BY THE GOL, SINCE LEBANON HAS DECIDED NOT TO DIVULGE TO THESE GOVERNMENTS THE DETAILS OF THE

ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH THE FEDAYEEN. THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT OTHER POSTS FOLLOW THE LEBANESE LINE OF GENERALLY EDUCATING ARAB GOVERNMENTS AND THE USSR TO THE FEDAYEEN THREAT IN LEBANON AND ELSEWHERE. A MORE FORMAL DEMARCHE MIGHT BE USEFUL LATER WHEN PROBLEMS ARISE WITH THE FEDAYEEN EXECUTION OF THEIR COMMITMENTS. ( SECRET) BEIRUT 5967, 5/23 ( EXDIS).

### 3. FRANCO- ISRAELI RELATIONS

AN ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL TOLD EMBASSY TEL AVIV THAT FRANCE HAS NOT ANSWERED THE GOI INQUIRY ABOUT THE TRANSFER OF LIBYAN MIRAGES TO EGYPT. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE FRENCH WERE TRYING TO CREATE THE IMPRESSION THAT RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL HAVE IMPROVED, WHEN THEY HAVE NOT. THE OFFICIAL WAS DISTURBED BY RUMORS THAT FRANCE WOULD DROP ITS MIDDLE EAST ARMS EMBARGO LATER THIS YEAR. ( CONFIDENTIAL) TEL AVIV 4019, 5/23.

### 4. SCHEEL' S MEETING WITH SADAT

FRG MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SCHEEL TOLD AMBASSADOR BROWN IN AMMAN THAT DURING HIS VISIT TO CAIRO HE HAD PRESSED HARD ON SADAT NOT TO GO TO WAR. SCHEEL ALSO TOLD SADAT THAT BREZHNEV HAD MADE IT PLAIN TO THE GERMANS THAT THE SOVIETS DID NOT WANT WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST. ( CONFIDENTIAL) AMMAN 2774, 5/23 ( EXDIS).

### 5. CAMBODIAN SITUATION

ROUTE 4 BETWEEN PHNOM PENH AND KAMPONG SOM HAS BEEN REOPENED BY CAMBODIAN FORCES. ENEMY ATTACKS CONTINUE  
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ON NEAK LONG JUST SOUTHEAST OF THE CAPITAL AND ON ROUTE 1 ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE MEKONG RIVER. THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE CHANGE IN THE SITUATION ELSEWHERE. ( SECRET) CAMBODIAN DAMSREP, 5/24. RUSH

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